GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2530
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BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of backward population living below the poverty line in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) the standard of living in comparison to rest of the population of these States;

(c) the poverty alleviation Schemes being implemented for the backward population of these States; and

(d) the achievements made in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) & (b) No authentic data of persons belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) living below the poverty line in various States/UTs including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is available with the Government.

(c) & (d) A statement is enclosed at Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (C) & (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2530 DATE 08-2001 BY SHRIMATI SUSHILA SAROJ REGARDING BELOW POVERTY LINE

The Government of India has set up the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) in Januar 1992 with an authorized share capital of Rs.700.00 crores. The main objective of the Corporation is to promote economic and developmental activities for OBCs and assist them in setting up of viable self-employment ventures and development of entrepreneurial skills. The Corporation provides loans at concessional rate of interest to the poorer sections of OBCs living below double the poverty line (i.e. Rs.31,952/- per annum in rural areas and Rs.42,412/- per annum in urban areas) through State Finance Development Corporations/State Channelising Agencies nominated by the State Governments.

The amount released to the SCAs of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and number of persons benefited during last three years isgiven as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Amount	Benfciary	Amount	Beneficiary	Amount	Beneficiary
Bihar	990.16	1635	210.74	515	700.00	1145
Uttar Pradesh	1360.38	4123	230.00	460	664.99	1388

In addition, the Government of India is implementing following Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the welfare of OBCs:

(i) Pre-matric Scholarships for OBC students

(ii) Post-matric Scholarships for OBC Students

(iii) Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls

(iv) Pre-examination Coaching for OBC Students; and

(v) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for OBCs.

The amount released to the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and number of persons benefited under the above Centrally Sponsored Schemes during last three years is given as under:

1. Bihar

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Scheme	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
		Amount	Beneficiary	Amount	Beneficiary	Amount	Beneficiary
1.	Pre-matric Scholarships for OBC students	84.60	10566	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Post-matric Scholarships for OBC Students	196.50	14410	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls	120.53	3 (300)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4	Pre-examination Coaching for OBC Students	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for OBCs	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

2. Uttar Pradesh

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Scheme	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
		Amount	Beneficiary	Amount	Beneficiary	Amount	Beneficiary
1.	Pre-matric Scholarships for OBC students	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Post-matric Scholarships for OBC Students	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	10.20	1
3	Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4	Pre-examination Coaching for OBC Students	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for OBCs	5.59	180	25.11	1195	12.10	410